



Gulf of Mexico Harmful Algal Bloom Bulletin

Region: Southwest Florida

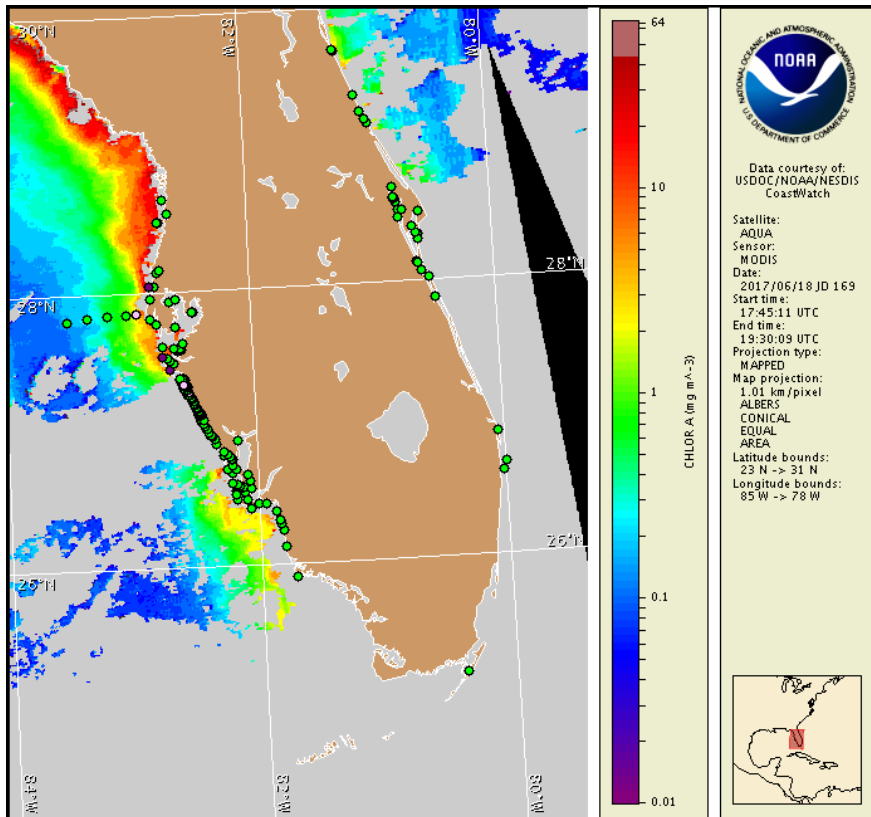
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Last bulletin: Monday, June 12, 2017



Satellite chlorophyll image with possible K. brevis HAB areas shown by red polygon(s), when applicable. Points represent cell concentration sampling data from June 9 to 16: red (high), orange (medium), yellow (low b), brown (low a), blue (very low b), purple (very low a), pink (present), and green (not present). Cell count data are provided by Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) Fish and Wildlife Research Institute. For a list of sample providers and a key to the cell concentration categories, please see the HAB-OFS bulletin guide:

https://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov/hab/hab_publication/GOMX_HAB_Bulletin_Guide.pdf

Detailed sample information can be obtained through FWC Fish and Wildlife Research Institute at:

<http://myfwc.com/redtidestatus>

To see previous bulletins and forecasts for other Harmful Algal Bloom Bulletin regions, visit at: <https://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov/hab/gomx.html>

Conditions Report

Karenia brevis (commonly known as Florida red tide) ranges from not present to low a concentrations along the coast of southwest Florida, and is not present in the Florida Keys. No respiratory irritation is expected alongshore southwest Florida Monday, June 19 through Monday, June 26. For recent, local observations and data check Mote Marine Laboratorys Daily Beach Conditions (<http://visitbeaches.org/>) and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Red Tide Status (<http://myfwc.com/redtidestatus>).

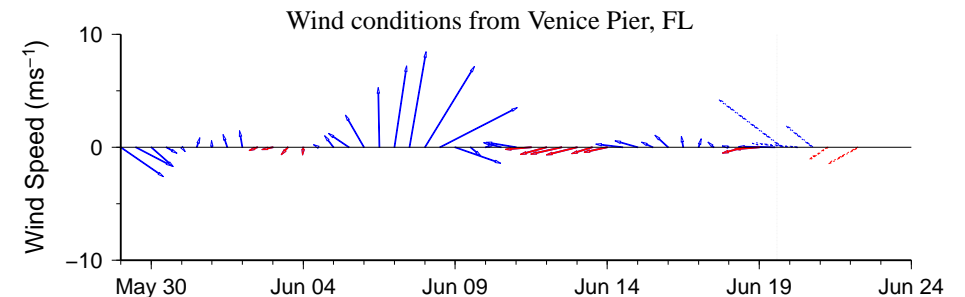
Analysis

Recent samples collected along- and offshore the coast of southwest Florida from Pinellas to Sarasota County identified not present to 'very low a' concentrations of *Karenia brevis*, with a single 'low a' concentration collected from the bay region of northern Sarasota County (FWRI, MML, SCHD, CCPCD; 6/9-6/16). Detailed sample information and a summary of impacts can be obtained through FWC Fish and Wildlife Research Institute at: <http://myfwc.com/redtidestatus>.

Recent ensemble imagery (MODIS Aqua, 6/18) has been obscured by clouds alongshore southwest Florida since the last bulletin, limiting analysis. Patches of elevated chlorophyll (2-10 µg/L) are visible alongshore southwest Florida from Pinellas to Monroe counties with some of the optical characteristics of *K. brevis*, and are likely the result of mixed non-harmful algal blooms that continue to be reported in the region.

Harmful algal bloom formation at the coast of southwest Florida is not expected today through Monday, June 26.

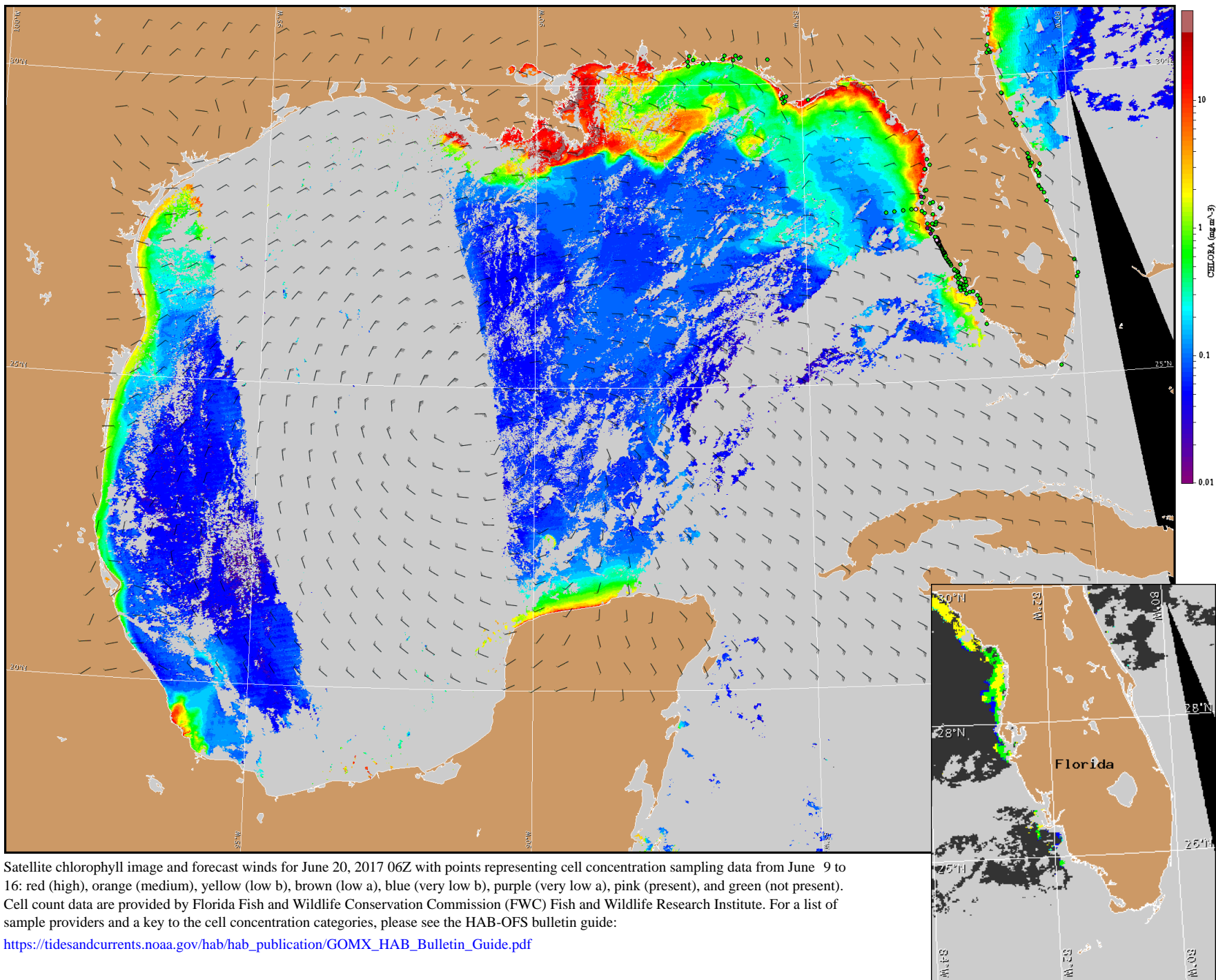
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Wind speed and direction are averaged over 12 hours from buoy measurements. Length of line indicates speed; angle indicates direction. Red indicates that the wind direction favors upwelling near the coast. Values to the left of the dotted vertical line are measured values; values to the right are forecasts. Wind observation and forecast data provided by NOAA's National Weather Service (NWS).

Wind Analysis

Englewood to Tarpon Springs (Venice): Southeast winds (10-20kn, 5-10m/s) today through Wednesday. South to southeast winds (10kn, 5m/s) Thursday through Friday.



Satellite chlorophyll image and forecast winds for June 20, 2017 06Z with points representing cell concentration sampling data from June 9 to 16: red (high), orange (medium), yellow (low b), brown (low a), blue (very low b), purple (very low a), pink (present), and green (not present). Cell count data are provided by Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) Fish and Wildlife Research Institute. For a list of sample providers and a key to the cell concentration categories, please see the HAB-OFS bulletin guide:

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Verified and suspected HAB areas shown in red. Other areas with *K. brevis* optical characteristics shown in yellow (see p. 1 analysis for interpretation).